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			1900.
* ORIENTAL	5234	J. F. Jephson	6th Jan.
M. L. EGYPT	7012	G. Langbourne	13th "
* CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	20th "
M. L. ORIENTAL	5251	J. F. Jephson	27th "
* ARABIA	7903	J. L. Partitt	3rd Feb.
M. L. CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	10th "
* CALEDONIA	7558	F. H. Gordon	17th "
M. L. ARABIA	7901	J. L. Partitt	24th "
* PENINSULAR	5287	W. Wheler	3rd Mar.
M. L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	10th "
* EGYPT	7012	G. Langbourne	17th "
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CALEDONIAN	4,232	Boscard	15th Feb. 1900.
INDUS	6,300	Chevalier	15th March 1900.
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Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of JOSHI KHAIRAJ GOPALJI, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, deceased.

SHAMABAI, widow of the said JOSHI KHAIRAJ GOPALJI, deceased, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant residing in Dubra Gully, outside the Fort of Bombay.....Petitioner.

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Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	Rs 30	625
Madras United	356	1,000	1,000	Rs 10	2,000
Mahalaxmee...	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	75
Mahboob Shah Mills (Aurungabad) ...	8,400	500	500	pr ct.	...
Manockjee ...	4,000	1,000	1,000	vd 60	1,720
Mohatlal K. Parekh G. & Mfg. Co., Ld. Amraoti ...	300	100	113	dvdRs15	...
Mazagon ...	5,000	250	...	dvdRs. 5	45
Meer Hassan Mahomed Manfg. Co. Ld.	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvdRs 45	1,330
Mysore S. & M. Co. Ld.	4,000	250	250	dvdRs15	200
Madura Mills ...	7,779	100	100	Nil	...
National ...	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	pa 52
New Great Eastern ...	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	120
Oriental ...	5,725	625	25	dvd Nil	10
Parel Spg. and Weaving Mills. Co.(Ld).	8742	1.	1,000	dvdRs 50	575
Queen Mills ...	800	1,000	1,000	Nil	540
Rajon Mills ...	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	700
Saraswati Mills ...	1,250	500	500	Nil	500
Sassoon ...	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	1,000
Shahapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	dvdRs75	1,725
Sonderdas ...	750	1,000	1,000	Nil	1,000
Southern India ...	1,500	500	500	Nil	100
Southern Mahratta ...	1,217	250	230	dvdRs 12½	255
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,300	250	240	Rs. 15	225
Standard Mills Co. ...	1,000	500	500	15	120
Star of India ...	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	660
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	dvdRs22½	515
Swadeshi and Allanoo ...	3,000	500	500	dvdRs20	290
Union Spinning (Land Manufacturing Co.	500	1,000	1,000	50	
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvdRs20	250
Venishunker Lukhmidas Manufacturing Co. Ld.	1900	500	500	dvdRs40	410cd
Victoria Mills ...	1550	1,000	1,000	Nil	2
Western India ...	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvdRs30	225
Wallwan City Ginning & Manufacturing Co. Ld. ...	1400	56	all	dvdR...	25
Wadia Mills ...	1,000	1,000	1,000	81	...

MISCELLANEOUS.

				Half yearly	
Alcock Ashdown ...	1,750	100	100	dvd Rs5	175
Back Bay Baths ...	500	50	50	12	35
Bathan Pile...	5,000	100	100	12 pr ct	141
Bombay & Burma Trading Co. Ltd. ...	1,000	2,500	500	375	6,700
Do. New Issue.	500	375	625	593	1,700
Bombay Ice and Building Co. Ld. ...	1,250	100	100	dvd 4	74
Bombay Land and Building Co. Ld. ...	400	500	500	5 pr ct	500
Bombay Flour Mill ...	000	500	500	65	750
Deccan Paper Mills ...	1,000	500	500	5 pr ct	220
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills ...	500	200	200	dvdRs10	155
Delhi Cloth & General Mills Co., Ld. ...	2,000	250	250	9 p 16	521
Empire of India Life A. Co., Ld.	292	500	50	...	56
Indian Guarantee Surety Ship Assn. ...	5,500	00	10	10 pr. ct.	18
J. & A. Roberts & Co ...	1,500	100	100	10 pr. ct.	180
Kemp & Co. ...	4,000	200	175	21	362
Kirkaldy Landing ...	500	500	300	30	183
Marcks & Co., Ld. ...	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs15	153xd
Napier Hotel Co. ...	2,000	100	100	9 pr. ct.	25
Napier Foundry ...	1,000	100	200	...	60
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance ...	5,000	200	50	12 pr. c.	130
Phillips & Co. Ld. ...	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs 6	25
Port Canning Co. ...	6,000	00	1,000	25	502½
Sassoon Docks ...	2,000	100	100	6	...
Thacker & Co. ...	2,000	500	100	0	1040
Thacker & Co. ...	1,500	100	100	dvd Rs 8	151xd
Telephone Co...	2,200	251	100	1½	171

PRESS COMPANIES.

				Yearly.	
Akbar ...	200	1,250	1,250	125	1,300xd
Albert Ginning Co. ...	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	410
Albert (Kurrachee) ...	200	1,100	1,100	Rs. 80	735
Bellary ...	167	1,000	1,000	dvd 14 x	16
Bhownagger City Press & Mfg. Co. Ld.	550	250	250	25	275
Bombay Cotton Press Co.	1,000	125	125	Nil.	75
Bombay Bra... Co... pore Press Co., Ld.	400	200	200	dvd Rs30	180xd
Broach City Press Co., Ld	600	900	200	dv Rs 20	200xd
Colaba Press ...	500	1,85...	1,850	dvd Rs 15	315
East India ...	350	1,000	1,000	125	1,325
English Press and Manfg ...	400	200	...	dv... Rs 9	60
Fort ...	150	8,300	500	dvd h...	650
Framjee ...	300	500	50	dvd Rs40	510
Fraser and Sabapathy ...	450	450	500	dvd Rs35	340xd
Hingoli Press Co., Ld. ...	700	100	100	Rs 17	133xd
Khandesh ...	240	450	450	dvdRs 80	475xd
Mahrwa Press Co., Ld. ...	300	200	all	15 pr. ct.	235
Mahmadpur a Cotton G. and P. Co., Ld. ...	300	500	500	53	55
Mercantile ...	600	125	125	dvd Rs 5	69
Mofussil Co ...	125	400	400	dvd Rs30	3721
Munmar Md ...	000	250	all	dvd Rs30	180
New Berar ...	00	500	500	dvd Rs30	400
New Indian ...	00	125	125	dv Rs12½	1424
Prince of Wales Satapathy (Bellary) ...	100	500	500	23	165
Sassoon ...	500	500	500	20	340xd
Sind and Punjab Co. ...	300	500	500	20	965
Sind ...	100	1,000	1,000	125	1,800
Sora Woollen Mills ...	400	2,000	750	20	225
Surat Cotton Press Co., Ld.	370	250	250	Nil.	75
Vokart ...	37	200	all	1	90
	—		000	Rs 80	

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Three and a-half per cent Reduced	96-7-0
Municipal per cent, Debenture Loans	115
New French Loan 5 per cent. 1872	
City of Paris Loan	
Four per cent. Port Trust Bond	100

PRICES OF BULLION.

Sovereigns	Rs. 15-[illegible]
Caroles	" —
Mexican Dollars	" 69-4
Gold Five-Franc Pieces	" —
Bar Silver	" 68-12 rdy. 69 fd.
Gold Leaf	" 4-62
Bar Gold, English (fine touch)	" 23-15-0
Bar Australian	" 24-5
Bar Bombay	" 24-5
Bar Fine	" 23

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 24m. Sun sets, 5h. 25m. High water 10-22m. 11-27a. Low water, 4-48m. 4a.
P. and O. s. s. Vallecta with English mails of 1st December due to arrive at 2 p.m.
Bombay Extra Races.
Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races.
Meeting of the University Senate, 5-15 p.m.
B. V. R. and B. V. A. Paralex.
University Examination Result, M.A.
Lecture at the Blavatsky Lodge, 6 p.m.
Music at the Esplanade Bandstand, 5-30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 27m. Sun sets, 5h. 25m. High water, 11-8m. Low water, 5-30 m. 4-57 a.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamer Naderi entered the dock on Thursday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamers Caledonia and Bengal left the dock yesterday.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.—We are requested to state that on and after to-morrow the Parade Service will be at 11 a.m.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.—The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Bombay will preach in the Cathedral on Sunday evening. The collections will be devoted to the Famine Relief Fund.

RELIGIOUS LECTURE.—A public lecture will be delivered in English at the Blavatsky Lodge, Theosophical Society, Bombay Branch, 37, Hornby Road, Fort, to-morrow, at 6 p.m., Subject:—"What the Western Orientalists have done for the Parsi religious literature.

SHANKERSHETT FAIR.—This fair commences from this evening and will continue till next Monday week, the 25th instant. Rao Bahadur B. B. Phalli has issued invitations to leading European and native gentlemen for this evening and the next three days, when there will be fire-works.

THE VURJEEVANDASS MADOWDASS CHARITABLE DISPENSARY AT SION.—During the month of November the total number of patients treated in this Dispensary was 2220, among them the number of new admissions was 1027, being classified as stated below:—Hindoos, 301; Mussulmans, 172; Parsees, 31, Christians, 31; and other class, 32. The average daily attendance was 74.

FIRE AT JACKERIA BUNDER.—Yesterday afternoon, a fire broke out in a hay stack at Sawree Road, Jackeria Bunder, and resulted in a damage to the extent of Rs. 150. The Chinchpoogly steamer under Mr. Wilson, promptly arrived on the spot, followed by the Sankli Tank engine. None of the Municipal steamers were brought into requisition, as water from a hydrant attached to a standpipe, was found sufficient to check the fire, which fortunately remained confined to the stack in which it had originated. The flames were put out in a quarter of an hour. The origin of the outbreak is not known.

MUSIC ON THE ESPLANADE.—By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. R. L. Travishick, A.-D.-C. and Officers, the Band of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteers will play the following programme at the Esplanade Bandstand, this evening, commencing at 5-30 p.m.

March	Uster Die Soldaten ..... Fahrbach.
Overture	Der Freischutz ..... Weber.
Selection	The Telephone Girl ..... Serpette.
Valse	Belle Amie ..... Meissler.
Intermezzo	On the Road to Moscow ..... P. Lontz.
Galop	Poltergeister ..... Faust.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

PENSIONERS' DINNER.—The annual Pensioners, Christmas Fete will be held in the Town Hall on Saturday, 30th December. Tea will be provided for the families of all European, Naval and Military Pensioners, at 5-30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. each pensioners' child (4 years of age and upwards) will receive a Christmas present from the Christmas Tree, which will be placed on the Organ Platform in the Hall. At 7 p.m. a dinner will be provided for the pensioners. Application for tickets of admission for pensioners, their families and friends should be made to the Honorary Secretary, Pensioners' Fete, Town Hall, between the 20th and 26th December, 1899; after the latter date, no tickets will be issued. Invitations will be sent to all subscribers.

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UNITED TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION.—A very interesting function in connection with the Temperance movement in Bombay came off at the Tivoli Theatre, last night, when delegates and representatives of the Anjuman-e-Islam and Associations met together to exchange notes on the working of their respective Associations. The attendance was a large one, and a genuine interest was evinced by the audiences in the proceedings. Lieutenant-Colonel A. Freeman, who occupied the chair, in having briefly explained the object with which they had assembled that night Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr. Dhanjishaw D. Gilder and other gentlemen addressed the meeting on the working of the Associations which they represented. The audience was regaled with vocal and instrumental music at intervals.

BURNT TO DEATH.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry yesterday, at Mustan Tank, regarding the death of Sakharam, a Bhandari boy, aged about seven years. The deceased resided with her parents in a chawl at Mustan Tank Road. On the morning of the 28th ultimo, the girl lighted a naked kerosine oil lamp and was carrying it into the water closet, when one end of her garment caught fire. The deceased cried out for help, when the mother ran up to her and extinguished the fire, but not before the lower portion of the girl's body had been burnt. Deceased was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital, where after the burns had been dressed, the mother took the girl home. She was twice again taken to the hospital and the dressing renewed. Some household remedies were tried, but the deceased grew worse and died on Thursday. A verdict of accidental death in accordance with the above facts was returned by the jury.

COLLISION ON A STAIRCASE.—Yesterday morningat Ripon Road, an enquiry was held by Mr. Turner, the coroner, on the body of Rachel Nambulal, a Bene-Israel widow, aged about fifty years. The deceased resided on the first story of a chawl, at Ripon Road, with her daughters. About 9 o'clock on the night of the 5th instant, deceased's two daughters were sitting in their room, when they heard some one knocking at the door. Deceased's daughter Rachel went out to see who it was and found that it was her brother-in-law (husband's brother) Ezekiel. The latter asked Rachel to give him back Rs. 2-8 which he said he had kept with her. Rachel told him to come next morning for the money, as her husband was not at home then. Ezekiel wanted the money there and then and a altercation ensued between him and Rachel. On hearing the quarrel the deceased came out of the room and threatened to fetch a policeman, if Ezekiel would not leave the place. Ezekiel would not go without the money and Mashanbai went downstairs to fetch a policeman. She returned with a sepoy and was coming up the staircase, when she collided with Ezekiel, who was just then going down. It was pitch dark on the staircase and the sudden collision threw the deceased down. She received two wounds on her head and was carried in an unconscious state to the J. J. Hospital. On the third day she was brought home and treated by a medical practitioner. She never came to herself again and died on Thursday evening. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

INFRINGEMENT OF PORT RULES.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Mr. R. N. Clerk, Hydraulic Foreman in the employ on the Port Trustees, charged Framji Dadaboy and Kaikobad Framji with in breach of Port Trust by-laws Nos. 44 and 46, in that they neglected to employ foremen while unloading the cargo from the British India Steam Navigation Company's s.s. Lindula on the 21st ultimo, and while working the cranes at a greater strain than allowed by the rules. Mr. Acworth, solicitor, prosecuted; while Mr. Brown, solicitor, defended the accused. The case for the prosecution was that the accused were the members of the firm of Messrs. Framji Dadaboy and Co., licensed stevedores. On the morning of the 21st November last while the cargo on board the s.s. Hindula was being discharged, it was found that there were no foremen at work in the different holds of the vessel, and 29 of 22 bags of rice, each weighing on an average 168 lbs., and having a tare of 2 to 2 1-2 lbs., were put in the sling at the time. The cranes used for the purpose were capable of lifting 30 cwts. only at a time. The first accused in his defence stated that after making proper provision for the unloading of the cargo he went to take his breakfast and the incident complained of took place in his absence. There being no evidence against the second accused, the charge against him was withdrawn and he was discharged. The first accused was also discharged.

OBITUARY.—Mr. Suryaji Sadashiv Mahatme, Accountant to Messrs. Carvalho, Forbes, Brown & Co., Solicitors, died at Bandora Hill, on Wednesday, at the age of 62. The deceased was born in Goa, where he received his education in the French and Portuguese languages. Besides having obtained a knowledge of English he devoted himself to vernacular studies. He was also a Marathi scholar. He contributed extensively to Marathi journalistic literature. As early as in 1870 he conducted a magazine called, "Anand Lahari or the Wave of Joy." He translated the interesting pamphlet on the Franco-German War, known as the "Fight at Dame Europa's School." He wrote jointly with the late Vishvanath Buva Kale, an elaborate scientific treatise on Indian Instrumental Music ("Tanu Vidya or "Sitar"), in which he personally was a perfect master. He was to give a new and distinct direction to realistic novel writing in the manner of the best English artists and presented a splendid and highly appreciated specimen of it in his novel, "The Yeshadhari Panjabi." He also composed Vikrama Charitra. But his name will be best remembered in connection with the valuable services rendered by him to Marathi literature in the edition (with annotations) in 4 volumes of about 1,600 pages of the complete works of Poet Waman Pandit (Wamani Grantha). He leaves behind him a large circle of friends and relations to mourn his loss.

TABLE TURNED.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, three Purdesees, named Ramoosmee Shevgigeed, Sitaling Gungchin and Kamatsing Lalsing were charged by Inspector Brewin, before Mr. P. H. Dastur, Acting Second Presidency Magistrate, with stealing three buffaloes, of the collective value of Rs. 315, the property of another Purdesee named Pratipalsing Jorasing. Mr. Ashbury, pleader, appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. Hugh Sealy defended the accused. The complainant in his evidence stated that on Monday morning last, he went out to hawk milk, when he returned at 9 o'clock he found three of his buffaloes had been carried away from his shed. He made a complaint to the police, who made inquiries and traced the animals to the shed of the first accused. In his cross-examination complainant admitted that he had bought two of the animals from the first accused, the price of which he had agreed to pay by instalments. He had paid two instalments only and the others were still to be paid. Complainant also admitted that there existed between him and accused some ill-feeling. Mr. Sealy on behalf of the accused stated that as complainant was unable to pay the instalments, he willingly returned the animals to the first accused and then made a false report to the police. The reason as to why complainant had dragged the second and third accused in the case was that there existed some ill-feeling between him and the two accused. The magistrate on the evidence discharged the accused and fined complainant Rs. 20, which sum was ordered to be equally divided between the second and third accused as compensation.

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HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE CROWE.)

A DISPUTED TRANSACTION IN DRILL.

E. SPINNER AND CO. *vs.* HAJEE MAHOMED HAJEE JEEWA.

His lordship delivered judgment in this case, in which the plaintiffs claimed to recover Rs. 4,030-0-2 with interest and costs for breach of contract. Mr. Starling with Mr. Kirkpatrick instructed by Messrs. Payne, Gilbert, and Sayani, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Raikes and Mr. Anderson, instructed by Messrs. Ardasir, Hormusjee and Dinshaw, represented the defendant.

Mr. Justice Crowe, in his judgment, said the amount mentioned above was claimed for damages sustained by the plaintiffs on account of the failure of the defendant to pay for and take delivery of certain goods contracted to be purchased by him on the 18th October 1897, and for costs. In his fifteen statements the defendant replied that he had ordered the goods through plaintiffs from Europe for the last eight or nine years; that there had been only one general account between them, which was last adj

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(Signed) ANGELINO SIMON ANDRADE.

The foregoing Signatdre attested on the 29th July, 1899, by DARIO TEIXEIRA DA CUNHA

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BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 15.

THERE has been a quiet feeling prevalent during the past week in our markets generally. The business done in Cotton both by shippers and the local Mills has been very small. In Wheat and Seeds also only a small demand has been current. Exchange has shown a little fluctuation, and to-day's quotations as compared with last Friday's, give an advance of 1-16d. in Private Paper. There has been a strong demand in the money market. Government Paper has declined 13-16 per cent. for 3 1-2 per Cents, and advanced 1 per cent. for Threes. Freights are quiet but steady without much business passing. Imports are quieter in tone, but steady.

MONEY.—The Bank of Bombay Return for the week ending on Saturday last showed the following changes:—

Public Deposits at the Head Office	Dec.	Rs.	54,057
" " " Branches...	Inc.	"	5,78,730
Other "	Dec.	"	23,26,190
Government Securities	Dec.	"	1,21,336
Other authorised "	unchanged.		
Loans	Dec.	"	19,47,835
Bills Discounted and Purchased...	Dec.	"	12,87,724
balances with other Banks	Dec.	"	1,712
Cash	Dec.	"	17,55,789

There was a dimunition in the Cash Balance of the Bank of Bombay during last week to the extent of 17 1-2 lakhs, making it stand at 147 lakhs. Public Deposits fell off by 1-2 lakh at the Head Office, but increased at the Branches by 5 3-4 lakhs; Private Deposits were 28 1-4 lakhs less. In Government Securities there was a decrease of 1 1-4 lakh; and Loans diminished by 19 1-2 lakhs. Bills Discounted and Purchased were 12 3-4 lakhs more.

Meanwhile, a strong demand prevails in the market. The Bank's rate is unchanged at 7 per cent., and that in the open market at 6 per cent.

Statement of the affairs of the Bank, as on 9th December, 1899:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	50,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	47,84,543
Do. do. at Branches	33,20,231
Other Deposits	3,19,01,949
Post Bills	15,358
Credits undrawn	11,21,236
Rs...	5,81,34,317

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Government Securities	33,77,318
Other authorised Securities	34,37,499
Credits on Government and other authorised Securities	48,80,959
Loans on do. do. do....	1,43,22,050
Bills Discounted and Purchased	1,18,30,372
Dead Stock	4,22,815
Stamps and Stationery	22,500
Bullion	"
Balances with other Banks	1,20,389
Cash	1,47,14,415
Rs...	5,81,34,317

EXCHANGE.—The market opened on Saturday last with a steady feeling at 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 3-8d. for three months' Sight Credits. Rates remained at this level throughout the day, with but little business reported. Rates were given on Monday at 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and 1s. 4 1-16d. to 3-32d. for Demand. A fair amount of the latter was taken; Merchants' Bills were scarce. The market was steady on Tuesday with quotations unchanged at 1s. 4 1-4d. for Bank Telegraphic 1s. 3-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 13-32d. for three months' Sight Credits. There was a moderate business passing; some Merchants' Bills were reported done for January delivery at 1s. 4 3-8d. On Wednesday rates continued steady at 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 3-32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 13-32d. for three months' Sight Credits, with but little business reported either way. Yesterday the market opened firm in tone at 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 3-16d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 13 52d. for three months' Sight Credits. The latter were scarce, and the enquiry for Bank remittance was small, 1s. 4 3-32d. having been reported to a moderate extent for Bank Wire for delivery a little forward. Rates have been steady to-day at 1s. 4 1-16d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4 3 32d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 13.32 to 7-16d. for three months' Sight Credits. The enquiry was small, and rates closed as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 4 1-16d.	per Rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 4 3-32d.	"
Credits 3 months' Sight	1s. 4 13-32 to 7-16d.	"
Francs	172 1-3	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Rates were firm on Saturday last at 97 and 97 1-16 for Cash and the Settlement, respectively, for 3 1-2 per cents. The market was weak in tone on Monday at 96 13-16 to 7-8 for Cash, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 96 13-16 for the Settlement. Rates were given on Tuesday at 96 11-16 for both Money and Account, for 3 1-2 per Cents, in a quiet market. On Wednesday the market was again quiet at 96 3-4 for Cash and the Settlement, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 96 for Threes. Yesterday rates were weak at 96 7-16 for Cash and the Settlement, for 3 1-2 per Cents, and 91 for Threes. There has been rather a steady feeling in the market to-day with 96 3-8 quoted for Money, for 3 1-2 per Cents, 96 7-16 for Account, and 92 for Threes.

SHARES.—There has been a little more fluctuation in prices, which as against the final ones of last week, show a decline of Rs. 20 each in Alliance Mill, Central India, Empress, Khandeish, and of Rs. 40 in City of Bombay; with an advance of Rs. 25 each in Hindustan and Lakhmidas, Rs. 15 each in Sassoon and Southern Mahratta, Rs. 10 in Sassoon and Alliance, Rs. 5 in Standard. Tapti Valley Railway are Rs. 5 higher; and Treacher and Co., have advanced to a like extent., East India Press are Rs. 25 lower. Bank of Bombay are Rs. 5 higher.

IMPORTS.

PIECE-GOODS.—Little or no change has taken place in this market. A very small business has transpired for forward deliveries, but in deliveries on the spot there has been a moderate amount done. Prices continue to show an upward tendency, Dealers are willing to sell, but some are beginning to keep to their holdings in expectation of better prices. In "Bleached Goods" an active demand has been current for "Nainsooks, Mulls, and Jaconets," with prices slightly higher. "Dyed, Turkey-Red, Printed and Locally-made Goods" are steady at current rates. The clearances of Imported Goods from the bazaar during the week have been 2,700 packages; and of "Local," about 1,200 bales.

YARNS.—The sales on account of China dealers have been some 11,000 bales. The attitude of buyers is one of caution, and that of spinners one of firmness. The clearances from the bazaar have amounted to 3,500 bales. The market closes steady; officials quotations are as follows:

Twist	No. 8	Mule, Ass.	3 3-4	to	4 1-4	per lb.
"	32	"	3 7-8	"	4 3-8	"
"	20s	"	4 1-8	"	5	"
"	12s	"	4 1-8	"	5 1-8	"
"	16s	"	4 1-2	"	5 1-2	"
"	20s	"	4 3-4	"	5 1-4	"
"	24s	"	5 1-4	"	6	"
"	30s	"	6 1-4	"	7	"
"	40s	"	7 1-4	"	8	"

METALS.—"Yellow Metal" is 4 ans. per cent. higher, and "Braziers' Copper" 8 ans; "Swedish Bar Iron" is unchanged.

COALS.—Sales of "Jardine's Navigation," of some 8,000 tons, for delivery next year, have been effected at Rs. 13 3-4 per ton. Re-sales of ready "Dashagur" and "Muir's Navigation" took place at Rs. 14 1-2 and Rs. 13, respectively. The Market closes quiet and dull in tone; we quote alongside:—

	Per Ton. Rs.
Welsh Hartley	Nil
West Do.	Nil
Australian	Nil
Powell's	23
Cardiff	23
Japan	13 1-2
Singareni	13 1-2
Deshagur Bengal	15
Muir's Navigation	13 1-4
Jardine's	13-1-2
Seebpore	14

EXPORTS.

COTTON.—The market for this staple has been quiet but steady throughout the past week. Exporters and the local mills alike operated but meagrely. Forward prices show an advance on last Friday's of Re. 1 per candy, being quoted at Rs. 213 per candy for "Good" Broach, March delivery, Rs. 196 for "Good" Bhownugar, for May, Rs. 179 for "Fully Good" Bengal, for January.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without commission, viz.:—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Bengal, Fine	Rs. 185-3 3-4	
Do. Fully Good	" 178-3 21-32	
Do. Good	" 171-3 17-32	
Salatee, Fine	" 200-4	
Do. Fully Good	" 193-3 15-16	
Do. Good	" 185-3 15-16	
Khandeish, Fully Good	" 201-4 1-32	
Comra, Fully Good	"	
Dholleras, Fine	"	
Do. Fully Good	" 192-3 7-8	
Do. Good	" 188-3 25-32	
S. G. Dharwar, Good	"	
Westerns	"	
Broach, Fine	"	
Do. Good	" 209-4 5-32	
Do. March, 1900	" 212-4 5-16	

The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparisons with the previous two years:—

Receipts.	1899 Bales	1898. Bales	1897. Bales
For the week	40,278	50,353	28,413
From 1st Jan. to 14th Dec. 1899	1,967,803	1,748,730	1,388,108
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent,			
For the week	1,000	6,079	4,572
From 1st Jan. to 14th Dec. 1899	493,640	470,859	496,195
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For the week	13,614	201	133
From 1st Jan. to 14th Dec. 1899	515,340	470,138	436,378

The comparative imports of Wheat and Seeds are as under:—

	1899. Cwts.	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts
Wheat for the week	50,413	112,198	17,409
Do. from 1st Jan. to 14th Dec.	5,059,985	7,976,100	1,837,838
Linseed for the week	4,923	20,557	23,675
Do. from 1st Jan. to 14th Dec.	2,072,780	2,500,634	552,065
Rapeseed for the week	929	10,392	6,455
Do. from 1st Jan. to 14th Dec.	1,951,499	2,110,058	1,854,231
Gingelly for the week	141,062	140,414	141,743
Do. from 1st Jan. to 14th Dec.	1,668,158	1,998,676	942,678

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows:—

	1899. Cwts.	1898. Cwts.	1897. Cwts.
Wheat for the week	141	9,686	.....
Do. from 1st January to 14th December	2,852,857	5,715,330	2,913
Linseed for the week	.....	54,208	31,617
Do. from 1st January to 14th December	2,123,034	2,089,041	685,187
Rapeseed for the week	.....	23,127	77,174
Do. from 1st January to 14th December	1,904,607	2,250,895	1,828,149
Gingellyseed for the week	.....	93,074	87,823
Do. from 1st January to 14th December	1,433,747	1,715,144	624,101

The weather in the cotton growing districts, as reported by the telegraphic advices received on Monday, was bright with no sign of rain. At Jalgaon the rabi crop has failed, and the weather was cold, windy, and a little cloudy; at Viramgaum the absence of rain continued to cause anxiety. At Dholera many cattle were dying from want of grass and water. The crops at Wadhwan are disappointing. The weather was seasonable at Barsi, but the food-grains were suffering from want of rain.

Yesterday's telegraphic advices from the districts disclosed no fresh feature. At Viramgaum as at Jalgaon, Wadhwan, and Dholleras the weather had been cloudy; but there had been no rain in any part of the districts.

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—These markets are quiet, with a small business passing. Prices show no material change, and have been generally steady.

A London telegram gives rates of Consols at 101-13-16 while Government rupee paper was quoted at 64 yesterday afternoon.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B I S N Co's s s Lalpoora 2,123 tons, Captain C F Hart, cleared yesterday, for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's s s Ohra 3 493 tons, Captain G Brown, sailed yesterday, for Galle, in ballast.

THE s. s. Apollo, 2 422 tons, Captain C. W. Pickthorne, cleared, yesterday, for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Colaba 1 108 tons Captain W. J. Jones, sailed yesterday, for Chittagong, in ballast.

THE s. s. Nerite, 3,155 tons, Captain W. Daniel, will sail to-day for Marseilles and Genoa, with agneral cargo.

THE Hall Line s. s. Haddon Hall, 2,077 tons, Captain W H Hood, will sail to-day, for Liverpool via Karachi, with a general cargo.

THE A-latic S N Co's s. s. Nizam, 2,041 tons, Captain H Elliott, cleared yesterday, for Calcutta via Coast ports, with a general cargo, and four Sycesas deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s. s. Henzada, 1,540 tons, Captain J Stafford, will sail to-day, for Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo, Miss Mary, St C Shaws, a passenger.

THE Anchor Line s. s. Britannia, 1 969 tons, Captain A. C. Turner, will sail to-day, for Liverpool, Marseilles &c., with a general cargo, and the following passengers:—Rev. Mrs. Masterland Miss J. F. Smith, and Mr. Walter Stubbles.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Kilwa, 993 tons, Captain D. L. Nielson, R. N. R, arrived in harbour on Thursday evening, from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 15 horses, and 1 dog, and the following passengers:—Major Gatt, Mr. Crouch, Rev. Warner, Syed Mahomed, Mr. Fernandez, Mr. V. Munshi and son, and 197 deck.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—DECEMBER 15.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
A	Lalpoora	2174	Hart	N F	M M & Co	
B	Clan Macdonald	3112	Harrison	N F	F Muir & Co	
L	Indravati	513	Adum	Karachi	15-12	Shprd & Co
M	Arethusa sp	1198	Wilson	Calcutta	W & A G & Co	
M	Mohammadi	1133	Griffin	Gulf	15-12	P S N Co
Naderi		1153	Hanson	Singapore	23-12	P S N Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Bahaduri	829	Ahamad	G Port	14-12	Shprd & Co
Mahanadi	847	Badrook	Karachi	16-12	do
Ponani	552	Fukeer	Bhavnagar	14-12	do

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—DEC. 15

Vessels.	Tons.	Capts.	Destination.	Date.	Agents.
Sudej		Weston			P & O Co
Unity	930	Hanson			Bombay Co
Boddams	2143	Croft			M M & Co
Florida	2049	Chisholm			M M & Co
Bengo	462				Portuguese Gun Boat
Chusan	2502	Street			P & O Co
Yorkshire	1098	Vanquinard			R S & Co
Uganda	3450	Black			M M & Co
Nizam	2041	Eliot	Calcutta		F Morrison & Co
H M S Lapwing		Lambert			Royal Navy
Investigator		Heming			R I M S
Apollo	2429	Pickthorn			
H M S Racoon		Hart			Royal Navy
P Stewart		Tindall			I G T S
Nairung	2041	Bullock			F Morrison & Co
Upada	3382	Houston			M M & Co
H M S Pomone		Simons			Royal Navy

ARRIVAL.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander	From.
14	Kilwa s	Nielson	Bushreh, Nov 2

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
15	Lalpoora s	Hart	Calcutta.
	Ohra s	Brown	Galle.
	Apollo s	Pickthorn	Calcutta.
	Colaba s	Jones	Chittagong.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday:—

Steamer Britannia, Turner, for Liverpool, &c.
" Haddon Hall, Hood, for Liverpool via Karachi.
" Nizam, Eliott, for Calcutta, &c.
" Nerite, Daniel, for Genoa and Marseilles.
" Henzada, Stafford, for Calcutta, &c.

The steamer Kilwa, entered for loading yesterday, for the Persian Gulf via Karachi.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 15.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Haddon Hall—8—87 cwt turmeric, Goolamally Suchedina 43¼ cwt boneseal, Wm Watson and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Caledonia s—4,540 lbs Indian tea, Grindlay Groom and Co; 8 bales woollen carpets, Fleming Shaw and Co; 9 cwt ivory, E Possia and Co; 4½ cwt ivory, Allana Munjee and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Norite s—3,618 cwt teaseed, Ralli Brothers.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. E. FERRERS NICHOLSON, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 16th December, 1899.

1. The Regiment will parade at the Matunga Railway Station at 4 p.m., to-day (Saturday,) the 16th instant, for a Field Day.

(2) Ten rounds of blank ammunition per man will be issued on Parade. Pouches to be inspected on falling in.

(3) Attendance on this parade to count 3 Points towards the Commanding Officer's Prizes.

(4) Special carriages will be attached to the train leaving Victoria Terminus at 3-30 p.m.: (Bombay time). Railway Fares will be paid for those joining this train at Victoria Terminus, Mazgaon, Byculla, Parel, and Dadur Stations. Members travelling from other stations by the B B and C I Railway will pay their own fares which will be refunded.

2. The Cyclist's "E" Company will parade at Headquarters at 3 p.m.; to-day (Saturday) and ride out to Matunga to take part in the Field Day with the Battalion. Dress—Drill Order with Havresacks, Leather Chin Straps and Khaki Helmet Dooms will be worn instead of plated mountings.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Capt.,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. G. WILSON, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 16th December, 1899.

1. The Corps will parade at the Corps Club, Apollo Bunder to-day (Saturday) the 16th instant, at 4 p.m., sharp, and proceed to Pilot Bander, Colaba, to continue the Annual Gun Target practice.

Dress—Drill order without arms. Patties to be worn. No. 1 Sub-division of each Company is detailed for first relief.

By Order,
A. J. PEILE, Captain, R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

NOTICE.

It is proposed to give a Children's Party in January. There will be a General Meeting of Officers at the Corps Club, Apollo Bunder on Monday the 18th instant, at 6-30 p.m., to appoint a Committee and make preliminary arrangements.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

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DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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POONA.

BIRTH.

SYMONDS—December 13, at 19, Queen's Gardions, Poona, the wife of W P Symonds, I C S, of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

ASHDOWN—December 6, at Mora dabad, the wife of A D Ashdown, of a daughter.

MOSS-KING—December 7, at Chhindwara, C P, the wife of R C H Moss-King, I C S, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CAUSTON—BARTHORP—December 8, at the Church of the Epiphany, Batala, Punjab, by the Rev. Rowland Bateman, M A, assisted by the Rev H G Grey, M A, the Rev Ernest Augustus Causton, M A (C M S), second son of the late Rev T L N Causton, M A, Vicar of St Mathew's, Croydon, Surrey, to Kathleen Adelaide May, fourth daughter of the late Captain John Barthorp, 17th Regiment, and Mrs Barthorp, of Reigate, Surrey, England.

RICKETTS—HAWKS—December 1, at Christ Church, Kampten, by the Rev C Price, M A, Lancelot Hamilton Ricketts, 12th Regiment (2nd Burma Battalion) M I, eldest son of L Ricketts, Esq., of Beaulieu, Bangalore, to Clara Frances, daughter of General T S Hawks, of St Ronans, Guildford, Surrey.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1899.

THE report that Ladysmith was relieved disturbed the Bombay bazaar yesterday, but the absence of any confirmation discounted the news, and speculation waned as rapidly as it had begun. The rumour had its origin in London, where there is a regular manufactory of sensational news from South Africa. It was doubtless intended to facilitate operations on the Stock Exchange, and probably it served its purpose. Colombo also seems to have been favoured with a telegram from the Metropolis. Strange to say Colombo deemed the news worth re-telegraphing to Bombay. A moment's consideration would show that the relief of Ladysmith cannot be effected without marches and hard fighting, of which nothing has yet been heard. For the moment the only approach to an engagement since Magersfontein is General French's repulse of some 1,800 Boers, who, on Wednesday, with two guns, somewhat rashly prepared to attack his headquarters at Naaupoort. The General moved against them with a strong cavalry force and some guns, which silenced those of the enemy. The Boers, having lost forty killed and wounded, retired to their former position, which they appeared loath to leave, the district being favourable to the action of cavalry. Our losses were one private killed, Captain Mosley, of the 6th Dragoons, and seven men wounded. While the War Office has mobilised a Sixth Division, the *Times* urges a large increase in the Colonial troops. It is evident that what is termed the carnage at Magersfontein has made a deep impression in London, yet the list of killed, wounded and missing did not much exceed 800 men. The present generation of Londoners have forgotten what real war is, and have an idea that all battles should be gained, like that at Omdurman, almost without loss, while the enemy is completely annihilated. The multiplication of troops now in progress and in prospect will sooner or later prove one of the greatest embarrassments of the commissariat, and will impede the military operations. It is well known that Napoleon's invasion of Russia failed before the winter set in, not because of the snow or the resistance of the Russians, but from the impossibility of moving the supplies required for such vast numbers of men over the distances to be traversed. It is as well to bear this in mind when there is an evident tendency in this second phase of the war now setting in to rely on sheer numbers to overcome the resistance of the enemy.

Our correspondent wires that, up to Wednesday morning, no further fighting had taken place at Modder River. The Boer doctors are stated to estimate the losses incurred in the defence of the position at Magersfontein, at over two thousand men, more than double that of the attacking force—which had to retire leaving the Boers in possession of their trenches. It is to be noted that the Boer prisoners are much less liberal in their estimate of the losses incurred on their side on Monday, than the doctors are said to be. They say that they lost about 700 men, that would be slightly under that of the British, who were in the open and at a disadvantage. Lyddite shells were thrown into some of the trenches, which were partially enfiladed by the Horse Artillery. The retreat of Lord Methuen's force to the Modder was necessitated by the want of water in the position he occupied from Sunday afternoon to Tuesday morning. Magersfontein indicates by its name the existence of a spring or springs, but they are probably in the hills which the Boers occupy. It is now stated that the Highland Brigade under General Wauchope marched in quarter-column to within 150 yards of the Boer trenches. There is no explanation as to why the Brigade was not preceded by the usual advanced guard, to feel for a possible enemy. When the force began to open out, the enemy poured in a destroying fire. The entire Brigade attempted to charge, but failed, the failure being apparently in part due to barbed wire with which the Boers had strengthened their entrenchments. The Brigade then recoiled, leaving a hundred men on the ground. This must be an underestimate, for the protection afforded by a depression in the ground makes it difficult to see how the enormous loss of over 700 men could have been incurred at any later period than that at which they were exposed to the deadly fire of the Boers without any protection at all. General Wauchope paid with his life for the inconsiderate rashness with which he advanced on the Boer trenches without any attempt to beat up the enemy. It appears that the 12th Lancers and a body of Mounted Infantry worked round to the north, the rear of the position, only to find the enemy already entrenched there. The Boers had but few guns, and they were silenced early in the fight, no doubt by the lyddite shells. They must, therefore, have relied wholly on their rifle-fire to maintain their position in the presence of a superior force, with a strong artillery using high explosives. At a late hour we learn that a despatch from the Boer camp, near Ladysmith, dated Tuesday, states that a great British force was moving on Colenso. On Wednesday the positions around Colenso were bombarded, the enemy making no reply. It appears that the siege of Mafeking has not been abandoned. Severe fighting took place there on Sunday last, when the Boers attempted to storm a fort and were repulsed. The most important news is that General Buller's force is approaching Colenso and has been shelling the out-works.

IN the whole British Empire only India and Cape Colony possess a Forest Department. In the United Kingdom and in the essentially English colonies forests are regarded as something to waste and destroy, or at all events as not worth the trouble of preserving. In Germany, France, Russia, Switzerland, even in Portugal as much attention is paid to the extension and conservation of forests in the interest of the State and of the whole community, as is devoted in England to the up-keep of the navy. The forests of Germany, under scientific administration, represent a capital of £900,000,000 sterling. The annual out-turn is over £20,000,000. England imports foreign timber, for which she pays £20,750,000. In Germany the wages of people employed in forest industries is estimated at £30,000,000 sterling. About a million people are employed in the forests, which cover one-fourth of the whole area of the country, and three millions in working up forest produce into the various articles manufactured from wood. These and many equally suggestive particulars, illustrating the respective results of active scientific forestry and the absence of it, were submitted to the Society of Arts on the 22nd November by Mr. D. E. Hutchins, who after several years' service in the Forest Department in India is now Conservator of Forests in Cape Colony. The Cape, with its small resources spends £60,000 per annum in a forest department, being one per cent. of its revenue. If England expended one per cent. of its annual revenue a million sterling would be available to gradually reafforest the land. Mountains and moorland, and waste land generally represent one-fourth of the area of England, land now unproductive. Dr. Schlich, in the exhaustive volumes on forestry just completed, estimates that this land, now neither arable nor permanent pasture, could produce all the timber imported from abroad. Land is continually going out of cultivation and can be purchased at a moderate price. In Ireland the enquiries of a recent Recess Committee showed that 3,000,000 acres are available for re-afforesting, at a cost of £20,000,000 sterling. There also the land is steadily going out of cultivation, and a good deal of it is relapsing into bog. Mr. Hutchins climbed one of the highest mountains in Wales and was saddened by the dismal horizon of barren hills bounding the prospect on every side, affording only scanty pasturage for a few sheep. hat ideal forest region was once covered with woods. The destruction of the forests was followed by the denudation of the hills, the rich soil composed of vegetable mold being washed away. In other countries forests protect the hamlets and give fertility to the valleys.

The lecturer says very truly that just as

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

FURTHER CASUALTIES AT MODDER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 15, 5.5 P.M.

Captain Bruce, Captain Macfarlane, and Lieutenant Ramsay, of the Blackwatch, and Captain Brodie, of the Seaforths, who were reported missing are killed in the battle at Modder.

Colonel Downman and Lieutenant Campbell, of the Gordons, who were wounded are also dead.

THE BATTLE AT MODDER RIVER.

NO FIGHTING SINCE MONDAY.

BOER LOSSES ESTIMATED AT 2,000.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 15, 10-45 A.M.

A despatch from Lord Methuen, dated Wednesday, the 13th instant, states that there has been no fighting since Monday last.

The Boer doctors estimate the Boer losses at over 2,000.

GENERAL FRENCH DEFEATS A BOER FORCE NEAR NAAUPOORT.

THE USE OF CAVALRY

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 15, 2-10 A.M.

General French reports that 1,800 Boers with two guns advanced on Wednesday, seemingly to attack Naaupoort.

The Dragoons headed them off, and four guns silenced those of the Boers. After a day's shelling the Boers were driven back. They had forty killed and wounded.

General French's force lost one killed, eight wounded and one missing.

The enemy is afraid to leave his position, the district being suitable for the action of Cavalry.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

AN ATTACK ON KURUMAN.

LONDON, DEC. 15.

An official telegram from Colonel Kekewich reports that on the 10th instant, according to a native rumour Kuruman was attacked by rebels whom the Loyalists and Bechuanas repulsed.

A SHARP SKIRMISH EAST OF ORANGE RIVER.

LONDON, DEC. 15.

According to an official despatch a sharp skirmish took place ten miles to the east of Orange River on the 13th instant.

A patrol of the Mounted Infantry succeeded in dislodging the Boers from Zoutpan's Drift.

Captain Bradshaw, of the North Lancashires, was killed and Lieutenant Gregson, of the East Kents, wounded.

Ten men were killed and wounded.

THE BRITISH ADVANCE FOR THE RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

LONDON, DEC. 15, 12-40 P.M.

A despatch received from the Boer Camp near Ladysmith, dated Tuesday last, states that a great British force is advancing on the Boer position at Colenso.

BOMBARDMENT OF COLENSO.

ENEMY'S GUNS SILENT.

LONDON 15, 11 A.M.

Reuter wiring from Frere on the 13th instant says that the Artillery bombarded the Boer positions round Colenso that morning.

The enemy's guns did not reply.

SEVERE FIGHTING AT MAFEKING.

A Pretoria telegram of Monday last stated that, according to a Boer despatch, severe fighting took place at Mafeking on the previous evening, and that the Boers failed in their attempt to capture a British Fort.

THE RETURN OF LORD METHUEN'S TROOPS TO MODDER RIVER.

LONDON, DEC. 15.

Reuter in a telegraphic despatch sent from Modder River on Tuesday last, says:

Return of General Methuen's troops here is due to lack of water at the position which they occupied on Monday.

THE BOER LOSSES.

The Boer wounded prisoners state that the Boer losses exceed seven hundred.

ANOTHER DIVISION FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

The "Daily News" understands that besides the Seventh is has been decided to mobilise an Eighth Division.

MOBILIZATION OF THE SIXTH DIVISION COMPLETED.

LONDON, DEC. 15.

The War Office announces that the Sixth Division has been mobilised.

Four battalions will be embarked by Sunday next.

A BRITISH SUCCESS NEAR NAAUPOORT.

An official telegram states that General French on Wednesday morning, with a strong cavalry force and a battery of artillery, intercepted a body of the enemy proceeding in the direction of Naaupoort.

The enemy's guns were quickly silenced, and the Boers were forced to return to their former position.

The Boer loss was forty killed and wounded.

Captain Mosley, of the 6th Dragoons, has been wounded.

One private killed and seven wounded.

THE SEVENTH DIVISION ORDERED.

LONDON, DEC. 14.

The mobilization of a Seventh Division for the Cape has been ordered.

OFFERS FROM THE COLONIES.

New South Wales has offered more troops for service in South Africa.

ESCAPE OF WINSTON CHURCHILL.

Mr. Winston Churchill has escaped from Pretoria.

SIR CHARLES WARREN.

General Sir Charles Warren has arrived at Cape Town.

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE ON THE SITUATION.

The Duke of Devonshire, speaking at York to-day said that the longer and more arduous the struggle was, the more fixed would be our determination never again to incur the sacrifices we are now making in South Africa.

THE BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 15.

The "Indian Daily News" cablegram, dated London, December 14, says the fighting at Magersfontein was of a most desperate character, and had it not been that the Boer shooting was high, our losses would have been even heavier. The enemy's entrenchments at the foot of the hill were screened and guarded by a double line of barbed wire, which effectually impeded the operations of our infantry. The carnage was terrible.

The "Times," in reviewing the situation, urges a large increase in the colonial troops employed, and states it would be impossible to excel the gallantry of our soldiers or the spirit of loyalty which prevails throughout the Empire.

INDIAN GENERALS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Brigadier-General Hector MacDonald, commanding at Sirhind, and Major General Tucker, commanding at Secunderabad, proceed immediately to the Cape. The former is to succeed General Wauchope in command of the Highland Brigade, and the latter is to command a division.

THE ENGAGEMENT AT MAGERSFONTEIN.

The London correspondent of the "Pioneer" wires, London, December 15:—

The following telegram appears in the "Times":—

Modder River, 12th December.—The battle which took place, yesterday, at Magersfontein opened before dawn with the advance of the Highland Brigade under General Wauchope which marched in quarter-column to within 150 yards of the Boer trenches.

When the force began to extend the enemy poured in a terrific fire. The entire brigade after attempting to charge, which failed, retreated, leaving one hundred men on the veldt. Had not the shooting of the Boers been high the loss would have been much heavier.

As soon as there was sufficient daylight a continuous and concentrated Artillery fire was directed on the trenches, lyddite shells being used with tremendous effect on the right position.

The Horse Artillery pushed forward to the rising ground, partially enfilading the trenches. The Guards supported on the right, their fine extending nearly to the Modder River which was held by the Yorkshires. The rest of the Ninth Brigade were in reserve. The entire force on the left was composed of the Highland Brigade headed by the Gordons and supported by eight guns.

A force of Mounted Infantry and the 12th Lancers patrolled the north, finding the enemy entrenched east from the kopjes.

The Boers had a few guns which were silenced in the early morning. In the afternoon the Gordons advanced to within 150 yards, the enemy opening a hot fire from the entire line.

RUMOURED RELIEF OF LADYSMITH.

It was rumoured in London on Thursday and in Bombay yesterday that Ladysmith is relieved.

There is nothing in the telegraphic information to hand to confirm this rumour; which appears to be somewhat premature.

MR. SANTO CRIMP WANTED AT SIMLA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 15.

The Simla Municipality has decided to engage the services of Mr. Santo Crimp, the sanitary expert, now visiting Bombay to advise them on the new sewage works contemplated for Simla station.

FAMINE RELIEFS.

The total number of people in India under the famine relief is now two and-a-quarter millions, half-a-million of these being in native territory.

GAZETTE OF INDIA NOTIFICATIONS.

Another large consignment of regulation helmets and boots is being prepared for despatch from India to South Africa for the use of the troops.

A general order will issue shortly providing for a grant of conveyance hire to departmental officers with honorary rank, warrant and non-commissioned officers of the Commissariat and Ordnance Departments and members of the Sub-Medical Department when proceeding on duty to out-stations or within the limits of their own station.

Mr. R. M. Elder, of the Cossipore Ordnance Factory, and Mr. D. Callaghan of the Kirkee Factory, proceed home for eight months from March next on duty.

Messrs. T. C. Bain and W. T. Braz leave the department on the conclusion of their contracts.

Captain Heath, 43rd Field Battery, Shorncliffe, is posted to E Battery, Kirkee.

Captain Eaton, Mountain Battery, Quetta, is posted to the 17th Southern Division, Malta.

Captain Johnstone, late Adjutant, Sussex Volunteer Artillery, is posted to 18th Western Division, Bombay.

Captain Paine, 4th Hazara Mountain Battery, is posted to the 26th Eastern Division, Bombay.

Lieutenant Thomson, 21st Southern Divison, Portsmouth, is posted to 55 R Field Battery, Saugor.

Lieutenant-Colonel Blennerhassett, R.A.M.C., officiates on administrative staff, vice Colonel Hughes, deceased.

Colonel A. M. Hogg is admitted to Colonel's allowance.

Lieutenant-Colonel L. J. Browne and Captain W Browne, both Indian Staff Corps, are permitted to retire.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, DEC. 15.

The Lieutenant-General Commanding the Forces in Bombay is pleased to make the following appointments:—

2nd Bombay Lancers—Lieutenant De Vere Condon, I.M.S., to officiate, in medical charge, vice Captain Handage, I.M.S., on leave.

Personal Staff—Captain Galway, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Regiment, to officiate as Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant-General Nicholson, C.B., Commanding the Mhow District, vice Captain Garraway appointed officiating Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Poona District, and until such time as Captain Okington may officiate as Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Mhow District, or until further orders.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lambert, Deputy Judge Advocate-General, Bombay Command, is directed to proceed to Neemuch, to conduct the proceedings of a General Court-Martial, to be assembled at that station on the 20th instant, travelling at public expense.

Under instructions from the War Office Captain McDonell, East Kent Regiment, is directed to proceed at once to South Africa and join the 2nd Battalion to which he had been posted on promotion. He will travel at public expense.

Under instructions from the War Office Captain Trollope, 1st Battalion, East Kent Regiment, is directed to proceed to England for duty at regimental depot, travelling at public expense.

Under instructions received from the War Office Captain Sweny, Royal Gibraltar, to join the 3rd Battalion, to which he has been posted on promotion, travelling at public expense.

Under instructions received from the War Office Captain Foxbery, Royal Irish Regiment, is directed to proceed at once to South Africa and join the 1st Battalion, to which he has been posted on promotion; he will travel at public expense.

Under instructions received from the War Office Lieutenant Stoddart, 1st Battalion, Wiltshire Regiment, is on appointment to the Chinese Regiment, directed to proceed to Wei-Hai-Wei, travelling at public expense, and report himself to the Officer Commanding there.

Under instruction received from Army Head-Quarters, India, it is notified that Lieutenant Cook, No. 23 Company, Southern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery, has been appointed officiating Subaltern No. 4 (Hazira) Mountain Battery, vice Lieutenant Cotter, promoted.

Lieutenant Taylor, 19th Bengal Lancers, will join the Staff College on the 22nd January, 1900, should he have not received other instruction, and will quote this order as his authority for doing so. He will report himself in writing to the Commandant, as soon as practicable, after the issue of this order, and also stating whether he is single or married and giving his address in the United Kingdom, to which communications may be sent.

The undermentioned Officers have passed the tests for their retention in the Indian Staff Corps:—2nd-Lieutenant Sargent, 14th Bombay Infantry, and 2nd-Lieutenant Morgan, 16th Bombay Infantry.

The undermentioned Officers of the Royal Artillery have passed in range-finding:—Lieutenant Brooke and Lieutenant Head, 34th Battery Royal Field Artillery; 2nd-Lieutenant Campbell, 29th Battery, Royal Field Artillery; 2nd-Lieutenant Keath-No. 16 Company, Western Division, Royal Garrison, Artillery; 2nd-Lieutenant Macalpine Leney, No. 8 Company, Eastern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery; and 2nd-Lieutenant Marindin, No. 4 Company, Eastern Division, Royal Garrison Artillery.

The undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers have been permitted by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty:—2nd-Lieutenant Moens, Unattached List, Conductor Godrey and Conductor Basen, Ordnance Department.

The undermentioned Officer is granted leave to proceed out of India, on private affairs, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the specified period to count from the date of being struck off duty:—Lieutenant-Colonel Barclay, Staff Corps, Assistant Commissary General, 2nd class, for one year.

The undermentioned Officers and Warrant Officers have been granted leave of absence:—Major Wilson, Royal Irish Regiment, 2nd Battalion, from 29th October to 28th November, on private affairs, pending retirement. Extension of leave is granted in Command Order No. 443 of 1899 to Lieutenant Dobbie, Royal Army Medical Corps, for 6 months, on medical certificate, out of India. 2nd Class Assistant Surgeon Desilva, Indian Subordinate Medical Department, for 3 months, on medical certificate, in India; Captain Maccowan (No. 1, Company, Eastern Division) Royal Garrison Artillery for 6 months, on medical certificate, out of India. Extension of leave has been granted to Captain Talbot, 7th Bombay Lancers, for 51 days, on private affairs; Major Battiscombe, 9th Bombay Infantry, for one month, on medical certificate; Captain Carnegy, 21st Bombay Infantry, for 6 months, on medical certificate; Captain Denny, 23rd Bombay Infantry, for 14 days, on private affairs; Captain Bennett, Indian Medical Service, for 3 months, on medical certificate; Captain Standage, I. M. S., for 2 months, on medical certificate; and Conduc or Edwards, Ordnance Department, till the 3rd February 1900, pending retirement.

DEATH OF THE SIR DESAI OF SAWANTWADI.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

SAWANTWADI DEC. 15.

The Sir Desai of Sawantwadi died yesterday evening, at the age of 37. The body was cremated this morning. Mr. Walsh and Captain Wanford attended the funeral procession with 8,000 men and officers. All the shops were closed as a mark of respect.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

THE MAIL.

LONDON, DEC. 14.

The Bombay Mails of the 2nd instant arrived at Brindisi to-day.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

COLOMBO, DEC. 15.

The P. & O. Co.'s s. s. Pekin (extra) left here this afternoon, and is expected to arrive in Bombay, on the 19th instant.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. Imperator, from Trieste, left Aden for Bombay, on the evening of the 14th instant.

The Messageries Maritimes Co's s. s. Annam, left Colombo for Bombay, on Friday, the 15th instant, at 2 p.m. and she is expected here on Monday the 18th instant, at 8 a.m.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 14.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed Steady. Surats quiet.

Good Bhowmuggur, 3 23-32.

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	102
3 per cent. Rentes	100 3-4
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	109
3½ per cent. Rupee Papers	93 7-8
Bar Silver	27 3-8

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total Bullion £22,800,000; Decrease £1,000,000; Public Deposits £5,600,000; Decrease £800,000; Other Deposits, £36,800,000; Increase £600,000; Other Securities £31,200,000; Increase £700,000; Notes and Gold £18,000,000; Decrease £1,000,000. The Bank's Reserve is 42 per cent. of the Liabilities.

SAUGOR-GOONA POLO TOURNAMENT.

GOONA, DEC. 13.

In the Saugor-Goona Polo Tournament the games of the third series were played this afternoon. The first match was between the Station teams and the 2nd General India Horse. At the end of the first chukker the score was: 2nd C.I.H., one subsidiary to *nil*; second chukker, Station, one goal, one subsidiary, to 2nd C. I. H., one subsidiary; third chukker, Station team, one goal, two subsidiaries, to 2nd C.I.H., one subsidiary; and last chukker, Station team, one goal, two subsidiaries, to 2nd C.I.H., one goal, one subsidiary.

The second match was between 1st Central India Horse (A team) and the Bhopal Lancers. At the end of the first chukker the C.I.H. had scored two goals and Bhopal *nil*; in the second chukker the C.I.H. added a goal and two sub idiaries; in the third chukker the scores were unchanged; and at the end of the last chukker the C. I. H. had scored three goals and three subsidiaries to *nil*. Towards the end of the first chukker, Jamadar Abdul Wahid, of the Bhopal team, received a blow from a stick on the right eye which, however, did not prevent his playing throughout the match. To-morrow there will be no polo on and the matches will be resumed on Friday.—*Pioneer.*

DEATH OF MR. CLEMENT POOLE.

An old citizen of Bombay, perhaps the oldest European inhabitant, has been removed in the death of Mr. Clement Poole, which took place on Thursday, at his residence, in Elphinstone Circle, after an illness which extended over a long period. Mr. Poole first came out to this country as a partner in the firm of Messrs. Peel Cassels and Co., merchants of this city, another partner of which Mr. Walter Cassels was nominated a member of the Bombay Legislative Council and was long recognised as an authority in commercial matters. On the dissolution of the firm Mr. Poole started in business on his own account as a merchant, and by his straightforward and honest dealings rose in the estimation of the commercial community, especially of native dealers who came in contact with him. His retiring habits gained a stronger hold upon Mr. Poole since the death of his wife, and although a man of energy, he led almost a life of seclusion. He was secretary for many years to the Bombay Association of Fire Insurance Agents, and was also auditor of accounts of the Chamber of Commerce, the Bombay Cotton Trades' Association, the Bombay Underwriters' Association, &c. the deceased was well known as a commercial writer of great ability and contributed largely to the local Press.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co.'s s. s. Caledonia, Captain E. Gordon, will sail to-day for London and Brindisi, with English mails and the following passengers:—

FOR LONDON.

Binsted, Mrs	Kinnison, Mr
Bruce, Lt G D	Kostin, Mr A E
Bank, Capt and Mrs Sykes	Keys, Mr J M
Baville, Mr F G	Keegon, Mr James
Bhumgara, Mr J S	Lushington, Lt W W
Bradley, Major F	Lambert, Mr J E
Barefoot, Mrs G H	Mort, Mr and Mrs M
Baville, Mr F G	M Gowan, Capt and Mrs R S
Childers, Capt E M	Mayo, Miss E
Colomb, Major and Mrs J C	Martin, Mr John
Cole, Mr G S C	Nag, Mr G
Cunliffe, Major	Peel, Major F
Curtis, 2nd-Lieut W F de H	Schmeir, Mrs A
Dawson, Master C H	Sendsmore, Major
Eale, Lt E S	Smith, Mr James
Elton, Miss L	Thomas, Miss C P
Fraser, Mr G W	Thomas, Mr F W
Heyn, Mr and Mrs J M	Thomas, Mr F W
Hogg, Major-General C B	Toon, Mrs Chan
Hawkes, —	Tyrwhitte, Major Walker
Hughes, Mrs J H	Wheatly, Lt L L
Hugonet, 2 Misses	Walsh, Mr D A L
Hall, Mr M L	Wo sh, Miss M B
Harley, Mr E	Walker, Major F J
Hinde-tone, Mrs	Wright, Mr S J
Holmes, Mr A C E	Yate, Mrs C E
Jack, Mr J	

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

DECEMBER 15.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran perfect. Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez, perfect.

AMERICA.—Via Direct Cable, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.

AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.

CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect, Via Bhamo, perfect.

AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz Tenerife, interrupted South of San Thome. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, interrupted South of San Thome.

Restrictions:—

Telegrams for Panay Negros (Visayas Islands) are subject to same restrictions as Philippine Islands, but are subject to censure of United States Government.

Censure imposed at Manila (Philippines) on all telegrams containing political news.

Post Master General, London, announces that British Government have decided to suspend at Aden and at the Cape of Good Hope the transmission of all telegrams in Code or Cipher whether of foreign governments or private persons to or from Zanzibar, Seychelles, Mauritius, Madagascar and every place in German East Africa, Mozambique, Delagoa Bay, Rhodesia, British Central Africa, Orange Free State, Transvaal, Cape Colony and Natal.

Telegrams in plain language are subject to censorship and can only be accepted at the risk of the sender.

Censorship has been established at Panja and Buenaventura in United States of Columbia.

Telegrams for Bagota, Cucuta, Cartagena, Baranquilla, and Bucaramanga in Columbia (South America) cannot be accepted those for other offices can only be accepted at Senders risk.

Restrictions on private telegraphic correspondence to and from Azores removed, but still apply to telegrams to Madeira.

State of communication:—

Cable Jamaica Colon interrupted.

Cable Cayenne San Pinheiros interrupted.

Cable Zanzibar Mombassa interrupted.

Line Saigon Bangkok right.

Cable San Thome Loanda interrupted.

Communication between Natal on one side and Orange Free State and Transvaal on the other entirely suspended.

Communication between Cape Colony on one side and Orange Free State and Transvaal on the other entirely suspended.

Communication with Mafeking (Bechuanaland) and beyond interrupted.

This cuts off telegraph communication with British Bechuanaland, Southern Rhodesia, Nyassaland and Portuguese Zambesia.

There is no land line communication from Mozambique to Beira.

There is a land line between Beira and Quilimane.

Mail for Beira closes at Mozambique 8 p.m., 16th instant.

POONA REGATTA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, DEC. 15.

THE annual Regatta of the Royal Connaught Boat Club was commenced yesterday. There was a large attendance and the river presented a gay scene, while the music discoursed by the band of the 28th Bombay Pioneers added to the enjoyment. The chief race was the Challenge Fours, the interest in which was very keen, owing to the presence of a Calcutta crew. The latter have been doing good work on the river during the past few days, and the way they made their boat travel created a favourable impression. Poona, on the other hand, is not so strong as in former years. On this occasion Bombay did not enter a crew, an omission which is to be regretted.

The Junior Sculls was won by J. A. Field, who got home by a length from C. W. Singer, the second heat falling through. The Calcutta crew showed up promisingly throughout and won most of the events for which they entered, the chief of which was the Challenge Fours. In the Regimental Fours the 28th Pioneers won their heat in good style, and they have to meet the R.A., Kirkee. The Canoe Race and Senior Sculls fell through. The following are the details:—

JUNIOR SCULLS—Distance ¼ mile—J A Field.

THE CHALLENGE FOURS—Distance 1 mile.

Calcutta R C vs Poona Royal Connaught Boat Club.

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Bow—A P Cameron	11 6	Bow—G D M Moore	9 0
2 C M Jack	12 6	2 K Mackenzie	12 4
3 J B Hoare	12 4	3 H N Young	13 1
Str—C W H Graham	10 12	Str—G H Bolleau	11 0
Cox—J Harvey	9 1	Cox—G M Molloy	8 7

The crews got away to a good start, the visitors striking at a faster rate than the home crew, and after going a quarter of a mile Calcutta led by a quarter of a length. They increased the pace and finally won by a length and a quarter in 5 min. 10 secs.

REGIMENTAL FOURS—(For a Cup presented by 3rd Bo L I)—1st Heat—Distance 1 mile

The Royal Scots vs 28th Bo Pioneers

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Bow—L B Ravenscroft	9 10	Bow—G D M Moore	9 0
2 G W G Neil	10 7	2 F M Lane	11 0
3 B Vaughan Arbuc-kle	12 2	3 Capt D B Thompson	11 1
Str—M M Haldane	10 3	Str—K Mackenzie	12 4
Cox—G S T Seede	9 8	Cox—I G Grieg	9 0

The Pioneers set the pace, pulling a strong steady stroke, and led throughout winning by four lengths.

2nd Heat.

R A. Kirkee vs Bo Sappers and Miners

	st. lb.		st. lb.
Bow C F Parry	10 12	Bow G R Pridham	10 0
2 J Byron	11 12	2 C W Singer	9 7
3 L B Monteso	12 2	3 E S Sandys	10 0
Str—F Denn Istown	10 11	Str—G H Bolleau	10 7
Cox—C S Holland	9 8	Cox—F H C Burne	10 4

The gunners won easily by several lengths.

DOUBLE SCULLS, (Oxenham Cup) 1st heat—Distance ¼ mile (no coxswain)

M H Geddes M M Haldane	vs	J E H Poxer C M Jack

The Calcutta crew won as they liked.

2nd Heat.

P P Kilkelly K Mackenzie	vs	J B Hoare C W Graham

This was an excellent race; the Poona men looked to be winning 200 yards from home but the visitors spurted grandly and won by a quarter of a length.

PRIZE-GIVING AT THE AHMEDABAD HIGH SCHOOL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

AHMEDABAD, DEC 14.

THE annual prize-distribution in connection with the Ahmedabad High School took place on the 9th instant Dr. Taylor presiding. The proceedings opened with the reading of the report by Mr. E. D. Talati, the headmaster, from which it appeared that the school was very well attended, the family of the late Hon. R. B. Ranchhorlal renewed their offer of Rs. 30,000 as a contribution towards the expenses of a new building for the school, but owing to the famine raging in our Presidency, no action could be taken in regard to it by the Government. The head-master hoped that next year would present better prospects for the realization of this long-cherished scheme. The drawing-class of the school was flourishing, being attended by 31 pupils, of whom 4 were girls.

The report having been read, a number of students went through a programme of recitation.

Miss Clough then distributed prizes to the successful pupils.

The chairman, in addressing the assembly, congratulated the head-master and his staff on the successful manner in which they had done their work during the past year. Proceeding he said: My own connection with school work in India dates back to the year 1877; and occasionally I find myself instituting comparisons between the boys of then and now. That there has been a general advance is undeniable. The school-boy of to-day is a better English scholar and that means much. He has also benefited from the wider diffusion of knowledge, and would look with perhaps some amusement upon the examination papers of twenty or five and twenty years ago. But I am not quite sure that there has been advance just all along the line. Among the youth of the present generation, I may note indications, more or less evidenced, of a certain impatience of authority and restraint, of a certain lack of reverence and a minimising of the sanctions of religion. Now it is because this danger appears to some educationists so formidable and so imminent that they have not hesitated to condemn unsparingly the whole Government system of education, maintaining that the evil in it more than counterbalances the good. Without for a moment accepting this position, it does seem to me that it has become of the last importance to emphasize and to accentuate in all our schools moral teaching and moral training. Mr. Talati and his assistants would, I am quite sure, be sorry distressed were any pupil to pass out from this school, entertaining the pernicious belief that faith in God and communion with him that prayer and a spirit of humility and devotion and reverence are inconsistent with the scientific habit of mind and incompatible with the latest and highest teachings of science. And the Christian religion certainly I can affirm that she welcomes the light of learning whensoever it may come, and hails each fresh discovery of science as a source not of weakness but of strength. That were indeed a calamity before which even famine and the plague would sink into insignificance, were the day ever to come when the youth of India shall be dominated by the idea that religion is a thing to be discarded by the learned, and piety but an appanage of ignorance. The simple truth is that the men who have left the deepest impress upon science, the Keplers and Pascals and Newtons and Faradays, were men in whom the highest culture and the most profound scholarship were wedded to a simple childlike faith. There may be tendencies in materialistic studies towards materialistic views, but most true is the saying that a little knowledge may lead towards atheism, but a larger knowledge brings a man back again to God.

MILITARY NEWS.

CAPTAIN LOGAN-HOME, 3rd Madras Lancers, is appointed A.-D.-C. to the Governor of Madras.

Captain Nicholson, Yorkshire Regiment, is appointed Officiating Staff Captain for Mobilisation. Captain Parkin and Lieutenant Knox, 1st Northamptons, and Captain Harman, 3rd Rifle Brigade, have been appointed to the Uganda Rifles.

Captain D. B. Leslie, R. E., comes out shortly for a tour of service in this country.

Lieutenant-Colonel Johnston, R.A.M.C., has been selected for increased pay under Article 362 of the Royal Warrant.

The War Office has sanctioned an improved scale of rations for troops on boards ship.

The appointment of Provost-Marshal to the Malakand Brigade has been abolished.

Rs. 3,000 has been sanctioned for completing the repairs to the native infantry lines at Silchar which were damaged by the recent storm.

The cost of the construction of the new fort at Kila Drosh in Chitral is Rs. 1,75,000, which amount has been sanctioned. Rs. 8,000 is also being spent on improving the accommodation for the troops at Jandola and Sarwakai on the Waziri Frontier.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

LIST of entries for sailing races to be held to-day in the afternoon.

Ship's boats (service rig) Handicap race to start at 3 o'clock.

Boat's name.	Entered by.
H. M. S. Abyssinia's Cutter	Mr. S. Crosscombe.
R. I. M. Dockyard Cutter	Mr. A. Monk.
H. M. S. Tenasserim's Cutter	Mr. W. Whittengham.

Course No. 1, viz, from Committee vessel round south Karanja Buoy, round Sunk Rock and thence to Committee vessel, leaving all marks to starboard. Length of course 71 miles.

Handicap race for yachts on the Club list to start at 3-30.

Yacht's name.	Entered by.
Turgnoise	Mr. E. S. Luard.
Melody	Mr. J. B. K. Macbeth.
Eileen	Mr. C. A. R. Crommelin.
Mannikin	Officers, R. A.
Chita	Mr. E. Comber.
Hilda	Mr. D. K. Love.
Nanta	Mr. G. T. W. Olver.

Course No. 1, viz., same as above.

'Tomtit' class race—Start at 3-15.

Boat's name.	Entered by.
Brittania	Col J. L. Govan.
Midget	Officers, R. A.
Coralie	Mr. C. H. Byrne.

Course No. 1, reversed, viz., from Committee vessel round Sunk Rock, round South Karanja Buoy, leaving both to port and thence to Committee vessel. Length of course 71 miles.

BOMBAY SECOND EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 1899.

TIME AND ORDER OF RUNNING.

1st Race.—The Lilliput Stakes, 3-15 p.m.
2nd Race.—The Baldouin Stakes, 3-40 p.m.
3rd Race.—The New Stakes, 4-5 p.m.
4th Race.—The Trials, 4-30 p.m.
5th Race.—The Christmas Stakes, 4-55 p.m.
6th Race.—The Amateur Plate, 5-20 p.m.

By kind permission of the officers the Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry will play during the afternoon.

A special train leaves:—Colaba, 2-35 p.m.; Churchgate, 2-40 p.m.; Grant Road, 2-51 p.m.; and arrives Mahaluxmi, 2-56 p.m., local time.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W.I.T.C.

Bombay, Dec. 15.

NOTICE.—Members of the Turf Club wishing to use the paddock and reserved portion of the st and are requested to wear their Badges.

TABLE TALK.

BY WALTER BESANT.

LONDON, NOV. 24.

IN a few weeks from the present day the numbering of the years will enter upon a new figure. Instead of 18—, we shall write 19—, and so continue for a hundred years. It has not been given to any man to have a vision of the coming century. It may be that the long triumphant march of science will meet with a temporary check for a few hundred years; in that case there will be no more changes in the world than were seen in Western Europe between the tenth and the sixteenth centuries—no other changes, that is to say, than the development of things as we leave them at the end of the nineteenth century. For instance, it would seem safe to prophesy that the Latin races are decaying, and that, unless new forces arise to check the decay, France in two hundred years will, like Spain, become a mere shadow of what she was—a proud and ancient nation living in the glories of the past. But then new forces may arise and prevail. Science may achieve the most unexpected things. With the changes of science a new spirit may be breathed into France; she may once more take the lead among the nations. It seems, further, reasonable to expect that the Anglo-Saxon race—say, rather, the English speaking people all over the world—the English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Americans, Australians, Canadians, New Zealanders, South Africans, will at last understand that a federation, or alliance, aggressive and defensive is not only desirable for sentimental reasons, but necessary for political reasons; that the nations of the world, by no means content to see our people, our language, and our laws flourishing in all the fairest parts of the earth, may combine in the hope of taking us in detail one after the other, and so destroying once and for ever the superiority of our race. The French, the Portuguese, the Dutch have not forgotten that we have turned them out of very desirable quarters. The old dream of Napoleon, that of extending the French rule over the whole of North America, is not yet forgotten, though it seems so impossible as to be ludicrous. Imagine, however, Great Britain once destroyed or rendered an accomplice; the European nations all combined with immense armaments and the command of the seas. Then the dream might not be so impossible. It is easy also to foresee that before long China, armed and drilled by Germans or by English officers, may possibly become a Power of the very first order.

All these things are possible. The prophet, however, has no access to the documents of the future. The unexpected is not revealed to him; he knows nothing of the discoveries of science; nothing of the future conditions under which war may be carried on; nothing of the unforeseen combinations, revolutions, and alliances which will modify the politics of the coming century.

The change of the letter "8" to the letter "9" does not mean the conclusion of the century. If you consider that taking ten of anything, the last number, the tenth is not nine, but ten; that taking a hundred, the last number is not 99, but 100; it is evident that the next year will be the last of the century, which begins, not with "00," but with "01." The nineteenth century has another year to run. Let us, however, mark the vanishing of the number 18 by recalling some of the features and changes that have been witnessed in the last hundred years.

They have been marked by the most extraordinary expansion and increase of the English-speaking countries that the world has ever seen with any race or any nation. In our case there have been two nations, separate, not too cordial, not too polite to each other—the younger nation, indeed, losing few opportunities of saying things calculated to wound and to annoy, yet abstaining from war. The younger of these two countries in 1800 contained five millions of people; the older, eleven millions. The whole of Western North America, now covered with cities and connected with railways, was a desert or a prairie, and given over to Indians and to bisons. There was no Australia, or only a tiny dot to mark the first settlement. There was no New Zealand at all. The population of the States is now 64,000,000. The population of our Empire, not including India, is nearly 60,000,000. There are over 120,000,000 of people speaking our language and living under laws and institutions based upon our own. The increase has been peaceful; very little is due to conquest. We have gone on stretching out arms into the desert, taking over and reclaiming more and more. We have grown, as a lad grows, unconsciously.

It is easy to quote figures and to show what this increase means. The question before us is the stability of these vast possessions—these confederated States. This is the problem of the future; how to reconcile imperial with local interests; how to guard against secession by the cultivation of loyalty; how, to negotiate secession from the Empire but not secession from the Federation, as the great task before our own and the colonial statesmen, and will be the care of the immediate future. War, a hostile combination, might, perhaps, if it were successfully resisted do more to strengthen and to knit together these bonds than any amount of argument or of reason.

Let us leave high politics and descend to lower things. I am better fitted to sing or to say of lesser things than of greater. Let me therefore turn back to the England or the London, as it was. There have been losses. The City of London in 1800 was a compact, closely inhabited city, in which most of the merchants still had their town houses and a very large number still lived over their offices; the houses, which consist now of shops below and offices above, were all residential houses, in which the tenant lived above his shop; in the narrow courts leading out of the side streets were the houses of the clerks; by the riverside the porters and "service" lived. The craftsmen and working classes were by this time all turned out of the city, and were living in Whitechapel, Clerkenwell, between Fleet-street and Holborn, or along the riverside.

The City was a cheerful and a sociable place. Every man had his club or else his chair and his place at the tavern. Here he spent his evenings; his wife and daughters sometimes had a card party, sometimes went to Hampstead or Vauxhall in the summer; some subscribed to the City Assembly, and so danced six times a year; on some years, not every year, they went to Margate by the hoy or to Brighton by the coach; their acquaintance was large, and included most of the people in their own City company and in their own parish church. When they went out in the evening the ladies were still escorted by the apprentice carrying a club and a lantern; there was no police, and the night watchman was scandalously incompetent; at the same time, any man under sixty was able to take care of himself; they all carried stout sticks; on occasion they could use both stick and fists. Set down to the credit of the time that then there were no police for the protection of the City, the citizens were quite prepared and quite able to protect themselves.

Between the City and the West-end there was a barrier impossible to pass; it was caused by the colony or the settlement of the lawyers, which stretched north from the river to Gray's-inn-fields. A few of the more wealthy merchants had houses in Russell-square; to go there was looked upon as a declaration that they were now independent of trade and had made their fortune. But Bloomsbury brought them no nearer the West-end. Nor did they desire a closer acquaintance with the West-end. The manners and ideas of the City were the exact opposite of those of the other end. The aristocracy at the time were strangely profligate in their manners; the merchants placed morality above everything. The aristocracy were gamblers; the merchants thought too much of money to throw it away. The aristocracy

down the silent ways of Venice, across to Murano, or along the narrow waterways towards the Ghetto, with Max Pemberton's characters, and realize that two hundred years ago the Venice that we know to-day was much the same outwardly, but peopled with men and women more picturesque in appearance and often mysterious and tragic in their lives.

MR. JACK HAMLIN'S MEDIATION, by Bret Harte, (George Bell and Sons Indian and Colonial Library) —is the first of a very different collection of stories, amusing and entertaining, not too wildly hilarious. There are pauses when one gets time to understand the people who live in the tales. The incidents take place in California, in out-of-the-way places, where rough and ready is the motto, and all sorts and conditions of men meet on one level, by no means a dull or deadly one. "When the Waters were up at Jules's," "Liberty Jones's Discovery," and "The Boom in the Calaveras Clarion" are some of the best of the stories, where all are good.

CYCLING AT HOME.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

THE great annual Cycling Shows are now drawing to a close, to-morrow being the last day upon which the Stanley and National keep open their doors. To-morrow is the "off" day devoted to clearing up and the general dismantling of stalls that have cost much to prepare. The chaos of the opening day of the Shows will mark their close. It is very doubtful whether the attendance this year at either show, has been up to the average. Excepting on Saturday last, when the public swarmed at Islington, things have been admittedly quiet. The opinion is fast gaining ground that makers and agents will have to consider whether one annual show would not be all sufficient for the needs of exhibitors and public.

Hitherto, the Shows have been distinctive in their character, The Stanley Show, at Islington, is the great rendezvous for the trade. Here agents meet, do congregate and probably more business is transacted and a better immediate return found for the considerable expenditure involved in getting up a stand, than is the case at the National Show. The Agricultural Hall, where the Stanley Show is held, is entirely lacking in those "amenities" which give to the National Show at the Crystal Palace, its delightful environment. It is situated among the most plebeian surroundings. The noise and glare, the rough burly-burly of Islington—a region where every shop which is not a coffee shop or eating house, appears to be a public house; with its tramways and buses and surging crowds of very ordinary people—toilers and moilers every one—is not conducive to calm or comfort. Within the Agricultural Hall, the noise and glare and dust are insufferable to those with delicate aesthetic tendencies, but still, in spite of the unlovely surroundings, there are splendid stalls with splendid exhibits, and the men who congregate there are on business intent.

Quite different conditions prevail at the Crystal Palace. On the delightful Sydenham heights, the Crystal Palace has, among all the mutations of changing years and changing fortunes, never lost its artistic atmosphere. It is still the "temple of all the arts." The cycle stands are reared among surroundings which awaken memories of Olympus, Apollo, Minerva. All the glories of ancient Greece, with memories of Osiris and Isis are reproduced for the admiration of an art-loving world. From the Egyptian Court, with its replica of hieroglyphics, Napoleon's famous "forty centuries" look down upon the products of Birmingham and Coventry. It is among these classic scenes that the National Show is annually held.

The National Show is in its object quite distinct from the Stanley. The Stanley Show crowd, where admission is paid to see cycles and nothing but cycles, for there are few other attractions, brings together men interested in wheel products, who come to see and learn about machines. These men pay their shilling at the doors for the privilege of being acquainted with the novelties in cycle structure. They are, in the main, ardent wheelmen, and many possess a practical knowledge of cycling mechanics. At the Crystal Palace it is quite impossible to gauge, by the attendance, how many have been attracted there solely by interest in cycles. A considerable proportion of the public hold annual season tickets and therefore have admission to the Palace at all times.

But although the National Show public may not be a practical public, from a cycling point of view, it is a monied public. Paterfamilias, with his olivine fair daughters, is portly and pursey. He can well afford to gratify his children's wishes for new wheels for he has a good fat cheque book and a comfortable balance at his bankers. Sixty pounds or so in machines that take his children's fancy, is a mere bagatelle to him so long as they are happy. So he allows himself to be led round yawning a little and insufferably bored and yet a proud parent, conscious of the potentiality of his well secured financial position. There are many of these portly, successful city magnates at Sydenham, and when the stall attendant sees such a one becoming interested in his wares his heart secretly rejoices.

The prevalent opinion is that the days of the high-priced cycle have gone never to return. The splendid models so far as outward appearance is concerned, which have been exhibited from ten guineas forward, will tend to persuade the public that for twelve to fourteen guineas a machine that shall be everything one might desire may be obtained. Of course, free-wheels and special forms of brakes are extras, but for fourteen to sixteen guineas a machine can be bought with every modern addition, free-wheels Bowden rim brakes, etc. But many people will be quite content to have a machine in the old style with a simple plunger brake and "fixed" pedals. These, for ten or twelve guineas, if they exercise discretion and spend their money with firms of established reputation, may get a very good serviceable mount.

In the cycling world it is the shows and nothing but the shows this week. It is the great cycle carnival of the year. At Islington, Collin's Music Hall turns on special cycling attractions in the form of famous trick riding troupes, and the same thing is done at the Crystal Palace Theatre Even the low comedians are quick to appreciate the popular element and introduce into their patter more or less original "wheezes" about punctures, tyres, etc, and are rewarded with acclamation for the wheelman is a liberal soul and persecution has made him generous. The good wheelman dearly loves the pastime and is quick to gratefully appreciate any little mark of recognition of its popularity.

Undoubtedly this year will be known in cycling history as the Free-wheel and Brake year. Never since the institution of the pastime has so much intelligent attention been bestowed upon brakes. The brake in former years was simply an accessory, and far rearward the old weak plunger brake which drove a rubber-lined spoon down upon the tyre to the injury of the tread, and to the weak brake-rod if much pressure was used, sufficed. It was, at best, a poor contrivance, and besides putting a great strain upon the hands on a long hill, was never really thoroughly reliable as an adequate braking force. Now it is doomed to extinction, and rim and band brakes, foot and hand actuated, of the most powerful class and marvels of ingenious mechanism, are found in quite bewildering profusion fitted to the Show machines.

Unquestionably, among rims the rim brake of the Bowden system is the most popular and universal just as among free-wheel devices, the Morrow roller clutch gear seems to be the accepted pattern for free-wheels. But there are some very clever contrivances in band brakes, and after the practical disuse of band brakes for so long, the revival is remarkable There is no doubt that a band brake is one of themost of the most effective types, but the old objection was that when the leather band became impregnated with oil which would exude from the hubs, and when its flexible steel support lost its "life" and became stretched and worn, the leather band became worthless as a retarding force, when brought in contact with the friction polished surface of the drum face.

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CONTRABAND GOODS AND PERSONS FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

(BY A LEGAL CORRESPONDENT.)

AT least two interesting questions of Naval Prize Law arise in the present contest. First: Have we the right to stop neutral vessels on the high seas carrying contraband, such as munitions of war, to Lourenco Marques, or elsewhere on the Portuguese East African coast, to be forwarded on by the Delagoa Bay Railway or other route, to the Transvaal? Secondly: Have we the right in the same way to stop neutral vessels carrying intending belligerents; such as the three hundred Frenchmen who are said to have volunteered or taken service under Kruger for the mere pleasure of fighting this country? A third question may be added for completeness: Are goods of British origin forwarded with the same destination on British or neutral vessels liable to capture? These three questions it is believed, cover all the grounds of capture that are likely to arise, seeing that the Boers have no ports to be blockaded and no ships to blockade our ports.

As to the first question regarding contraband cargo, the fact that at least one foreign vessel has been stopped and searched by a British cruiser in East African waters would seem to indicate that our legal authorities are now prepared to answer it in the affirmative, but it would be necessary to know what actually happened before coming to a definite conclusion. The fullest and most recent discussion of this and the second question by an English writer is to be found, curiously enough, in the Introduction (pp. xviii.-xxvii.), contributed by Professor Westlake to the volume of "Cases on International Law during the Chino-Japanese War," by the Japanese Professor Sakuye Takahashi, issued a few months ago from the Cambridge University Press. All three questions turn on what is known as the doctrine of *continuous voyages*—whether ship, cargo, or persons, as the case may be, are exempt from capture because they are proceeding or being conveyed in the first instance to a neutral port—say, Lourenco Marques—or whether their ulterior hostile destination—say, Pretoria—may be treated as a ground for capture. The question gave rise to some controversy during the American Civil War, in which, as was only natural, the American courts were inclined to extend the doctrine unduly, while some of our own writers endeavoured to restrict it as unreasonably.

In the case of the Springbok, 1866, 5 Wallace 1, the Supreme Court held that a vessel might be condemned for breach of blockade merely for sailing to the neutral port of Nassau with a cargo to be sent on by another vessel to a blockaded port. This decision appears both unreasonable and opposed to an express decision of Lord Stowell—the Yonge Pieter, 1801, 4 C. Rob. 79. But the same objections do not apply to the simultaneous decision, exactly covering the present case, in the Peterhof, 1866, 5 Wallace—that cargo of a contraband nature consigned to Matamoras, in Mexico, to thence forwarded across the Rio Grande to the Confederate territory, was liable to confiscation. It is true that two years earlier, in an action on a policy of insurance covering this identical cargo, the Court of Common Pleas in England held that to make contraband goods liable to seizure they must be in actual transit to a hostile port; but they observed that there was nothing on the facts or admissions before them to show that arrangements had been made for sending on the contraband goods from the neutral port to a hostile destination. (Hobbes *vs.* Henning, 1864, 17 C. B. N. S. 791.)

THE AMERICAN DOCTRINE.

That is the crucial point, for the American Courts admit that it is not unlawful for a neutral to send goods of a contraband nature by sea to a neutral port on the chance of finding a purchaser there, or, as it is said, "to form part of the common stock of trade at the neutral port." The American doctrine on this point, Mr. Westlake points out, was adopted by the Institute of International Law at their meeting in Venice in 1896. Except this case of Hobbes *vs.* Henning, a technical argument on demurrer which only dealth in passing with the question, there does not seem to be any English authority the other way. The only authority there cited was a dictum in the Imina, 1800, 3 C. Rob. 167, where a vessel had started with a contraband cargo for a hostile port, but, on hearing that such port was blockaded, had altered her course, and made for a neutral port. The point discussed was whether the intention at starting to carry contraband to a hostile port was enough to justify condemnation, although, before capture, the vessel had altered her destination, and was making for a neutral port. Lord Stowell said that to justify condemnation the contraband must be in course of transit to a hostile *port*; but there was no suggestion before him that the cargo to be landed at the neutral port was to be forwarded on overland to a hostile destination. If that had been proved, there can be little doubt that Lord Stowell would have upheld the capture, as he did in the case of the Richmond, 1804, 5 C. Rob. 325, a vessel with a contraband cargo captured on her way to a neutral port, but with a hostile port as her ulterior destination; or as in the Yonge Pieter, 1801. 4 C. Rob. 79, when he condemned, under the rule against trading with the enemy, a cargo shipped by a British subject for a neutral port to be forwarded overland to a hostile destination. On the whole, there are good reasons for believing that on this point our Prize Courts and Privy Council would adopt the doctrine of the Supreme Court. It should in fairness be stated that the semi-official "Manual of Naval Prize Law" limits contraband to goods bound for a hostile port, but without citing any other authority than the Imina above referred to.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

As to the second question, whether this doctrine of continuous voyages applies to what, in spite of the late Mr. Han, we may call contraband persons, Mr. Westlake argues that it does not, on the ground that such persons, having minds, may change them on arrival at the neutral port and abandon their hostile destination. But the consignees of contraband cargo could equally alter its destination at the neutral port. On this point we prefer the reasoning of the Japanese Professor. This question, it should be stated, came up in the Japanese war in the case of one Wild, an American adventurer who had persuaded the Chinese representatives in the States to enter into an egregious contract with him for the destruction of the whole Japanese forces by a secret process "at a small cost and without losing ships or men except by a stray shot at long range." To meet the desperate peril the Japanese searched, while she was touching at one of their own ports, the Gaelic, on which Wild had shipped at San Francisco for the British port of Hong Kong, on his way to China, and afterwards arrested him at another of their ports on board the French ship "Sydney, to which he had transferred himself to escape capture. Neither proceeding gave rise to any diplomatic incident, but, as Professor Westlake points out, in both cases Japan was acting in her own territorial waters. Independently of the question of continuous voyages, there is much difference of opinion as to the capture of such persons. Mr. Hall goes so far as to deny the right to detain passengers in the service of the enemy on board a neutral vessel unless the vessel has been in some further way identified with the service of the enemy; but this view runs counter to the authorities, and is not followed in the "Manual of Naval Prize Law." As Lord Stowell pertinently asked in the *Friendship* case, "What are arms and ammunition in comparison with men?" There seems little doubt that a neutral vessel carrying a large number of passenger recruits for service in the Transvaal might be detained and taken in for adjudication with equal regard for law and justice. In the famous Trent case, which stirred up so much bad blood between the two peoples-Masson and Slidell, the Confederate envoys to Grea, Britain, were taken off a British ship bound immediately for a Danish and ultimately for an English port. The seizure was wrongful because they had no contraband character, being engaged not on a military but a diplomatic mission. The United States preferred, however, to surrender them, on the ground that they had been irregularly taken off the Trent, instead of the vessel being detained and taken in for adjudication. The latter is undoubtedly the more regular course, and is now prescribed to our own naval officers. Lord John Russell, however, was too well advised to claim any general immunity for the carriage of persons in the enemy's service.

As to the third case, of British subjects trading with the enemy, goods shipped by them on board British vessels for Lourenco Marques with the ulterior destination of the Transvaal may certainly be seized, as expressly decided in the Yong Pieter already quoted. In the case of such goods not being contraband shipped on board a neutral vessel the position has been modified by our adhesion to the Declaration of Paris, which protects enemy's goods on board neutral vessels from seizure. The answer would seem in strictness to depend on whether the property in the goods had passed to the consignees in the Transvaal or not. This particular question is hardly likely to be raised; and, indeed, there is as yet no news of any vessel having been captured and taken in for adjudication by the colonial prize court.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

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12 p.m.	76·6

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FEMININE FACTS AND FANCIES.

LARGE frills on either side of a muff are extremely fashionable. Some have the further addition of lace inside them. A muff of this kind with a velvet toque to match is exceedingly smart.

The woman who gives her entire attention to any one pursuit does so at the risk of spiritual loss to herself. No matter if it is housemaking, housekeeping, care of children, business self-cultivation in any form, religion, her relations with life in general are thrown out of the normal, and her power is weakened. Too great development in any direction to the exclusion of everything else makes a one-sided character usually unlovely and unloving.

The glittering effects so much desired for costumes are carried into millinery. A great many hats and bonnets of black spangles are seen, and gold and silver more sparingly. As for ornaments, they are of like character. Imitation wings, made of gauze, spangles, and jewels are in great demand, and newer yet are the immense butterflies of similar materials, with velvet or chenille bodies and slender antennæ. One of these butterflies is almost enough for an ordinary bonnet.

The other day Mrs. Langtry learned that some distinguished friends were coming to town, and would be present at a certain performance of "The Degenerates." She promptly wired Worth, in Paris, who has made her gowns for years, that she wanted a beautiful toilette for the last act, to arrive on Saturday morning. This gave Worth twenty-four hours in which to design and execute the dress. Mrs. Langtry's luck did not desert her. The dress arrived in time, and was a perfect success.

There is a very good way of making a cupboard for china or books out of an unused doorway or recess. You take a piece of Utrecht velvet or velveteen, and line the recess. Then you have some plain deal shelves made, which you cover with the same velvet. Then drape the opening with two Oriental striped curtains; and if you have a spear, you can pass it through the top drapery and hang at one end of it a Chinese lantern or Oriental lamp. Then place books and china unevenly upon the shelves, and you will find the effect extremely good.

The latest fashionable craze for white, both in season and out of season, is not at its happiest when applied to bridesmaids' frocks. The bride and her maidens (says a writer on fashions) now look like a flock of silent ghosts or a flock of pigeons as they walk up the aisle of some dim old parish church, and for one moment one is perfectly bewildered with them, taking them for brides all going to undergo the ordeal of marriage at the same moment. It is most fashionably correct, no doubt, of the bride to have her maidens so attired, but very ill-advised, as she and her satin train and lace would look far more noticeable and charming were they in some colour that, by contrast, made her utter whiteness the more delightful.

It is told of the Princess of Wales that seated one day in her box at a performance of comic opera at a certain fashionable theatre, she by an accidental movement knocked her bouquet off the ledge. It fell into the orchestra beneath, and through some mistake on the part of the conductor it was passed over the foot-lights to a pretty young singer, who at that moment had the stage to herself, and had just concluded her solitary solo. She, overcome at what she thought a mark of Royal favour, curtseyed to the Princess, and the audience loudly applauded the gracious act. The delighted songstress, being the envy of all her companions on the stage, was clever enough to divide her lovely bouquet and give a blossom to every member of the company retaining a rose and the ribbons with which it was tied for herself. The whole affair was purely accidental, but it was the means of bringing much happiness to a young and unknown girl, and putting her feet on the first rung of the ladder of success, for she is now a famous actress and songstress.

M. Zola seems to have been studying the English girl during his stay on this side of the Channel. "Rationals," he holds, "are not suited to the lithe and somewhat spare figure of the average English girl; moreover, I doubt if there is a costumier in England who knows how to cut 'rationals' properly. Such women as I have seen in 'rationals' in England looked to me horrible. They had not the proper figure for the garment, and the garment itself was badly made. For 'rationals' to suit a woman, her figure should be of the happy medium, neither too slim nor over-developed. Now, the great bulk of your girls are extremely slim, and appear in skirts to advantage. In cycling, moreover, they carry themselves much better than the majority of the Frenchwomen do. They sit their machines gracefully, and the skirt, instead of being a mere bundle of stuff, falls evenly and fittingly, like a necessary adjunct—the drapery which is needed to complete and set off the ensemble."

Evening dresses for girls are light and pretty this winter. The newest are in tarletan, white, or pale tinted, flecked all over with balls of chenille. Some of them are vandyked in a pattern with these little fluffs which are always of the same colour as the tarletan. In white this dainty material looks remarkably well, and also in pale blue. Nile green, apple-blossom pink, mauve, and yellow. In black it is suitable for older wearers. It is very inexpensive. White alpaca is a favourite material for girls' evening dresses. It is in a fine make, with a silky surface, and the skirts sold ready-made are lined throughout with a very light muslin. Most of these alpacas are untrimmed, their simplicity being suitable for quite young wearers, who are just beginning their social life. Next on the list come the dresses of spotted net trimmed with rows of white chenille intermixed with twisted satin ribbon. The Russian net are of last year, but they are very light and pretty, and also rather cheaper on account of their lack of novelty.

Muslin robes for girls are very inexpensive. Those made of tambour lace are prettier, but depend for much of their effect upon the character of the lining. Two or three underskirts of silk muslin add appreciably to the price. So does a silk or satin slip, especially if well cut in the most up-to-date fashion.

As to bodices, they are to be had ready-made at prices so low as to suggest the uncomfortable question of East-end labour and its pay. The cut of these bodices is good, and the finish satisfactory enough. The trimmings consist of chiffon, usually accordion-pleated, satin ribbons, and the inevitable bunch of violets. A yellow bodice is much embellished by this floral addition. One in pale blue satin with frills of chiffon and a taffetas belt has Naples violets for the final touch.

Young girls just out do not wear the long skirts in which their elder sisters now manage to struggle through a dance, half-crippled by the length and closely clinging character of their skirts. For the younger ones, the dress just rests upon the ground at the back and sides, barely clearing it in front. The first dance would prove rather trying if the debutante were encumbered with so much unnecessary material.

Evening shoes are embroidered with Rhine stones on the toes and on the straps that cross the instep. In white kid these look well, and can be worn with a dress of any colour. They are also to be had in pale tones of blue, mauve, etc. Both stockings and gloves are to be seen embroidered with Rhine stones, and long silk mittens are brightened with steel sequins. Jet sometimes replaces the steel, and looks very well on the white lace mittens, as well as on the black. When shoes, stockings, gloves, and fan all match each other in this way, the effect is very good.

Fans are small this season, a much more convenient fashion than the large. Those who possess lordly ones with splendid plume ignore the fashion of the moment, and display their jewelled sticks and costly feathers. Already there are prepared for Christmas gifts most lovely fans, with monograms or initials in diamonds or some favourite stone. The long tortoiseshell handles of the eyeglasses are other objects that are jewelled for Christmas and New Year presents.

Muffs are moderate in size this season, and the boa may be anything, from a flat piece of fur to a long stole which hangs to the hem of the gown in supererrogatory length. It is irrational, but not ungraceful. The prettiest boas are the snow-white marabout or swansdown. When soiled, a fate that arrives far too soon, these can be dyed black.

Chinchilla is again the favourite fur this year. Of it whole capes are made, or tight-fitting coast with loose sleeves opening slightly over the hands. Dresses are trimmed with it, and lace fichus have lines of it sewn within the outlines. Toques are made of it, and trimmed with mauve of blue velvet and Parma violets or primroses. The camellia is rather in favour for millinery, but the gardenia holds its own. A large chrysanthemum is often seen upholding the raised brim of the capote or hat at the left side. The only fault of the poke hats is that they suit pretty faces only. Lined with pale blue mirror velvet stitched rather closely. The brim is covered with brown velvet laid on in fine pleats. The feathers are shaded brown and blue. The costume worn with this is brown cloth with a chinchilla collar. The wide toque of this season is designed to outline the semi-circle of the coiffure. The brim is sable, and the trimming consists of bright rose velvet and grey, speckled feathers sewn with gold and silver sequins. A third hat is in mouse-coloured velvet lined with orange silk arranged in tucks. Folds of white chiffon surround the crown and a rosette of the same rests upon the hair under the black feather which is fastened on the turned-up part of the brim. A long black feather trims the top of the hat. The dress worn with this was mouse-coloured cloth with a velvet Eton coat in precisely the same shade, just showing an orange taffetas belt at the back. The front opened over a full vest of cream-coloured lace. When the skirt was raised, it showed an orange silk underskirt.

One of the new capes is made of chinchilla, with a pointed cape at the back. The revers are very graceful in their undulating outline. The high collar is fur within and without. The weak points in the look of protection for the arms, a portion of the frame that is peculiarly susceptible to chill, and which feels it all the more because of the extra warmth of this cape on the chest and shoulders. The toque accompanying it is in black velvet piped with white silk trimmed with ermine and grey wings, black at the edges. Black and white are always pretty in millinery, and the combination is very fashionable just at present. Black velvet bonnets are trimmed with narrow black and white ribbon, and black felt hats have often for sole adornment a white taffetas scarf twisted round the crown and finished with a couple of loops. Quite as often the loops are sufficient, without any trimming round the crown.

THE Committee of the Calcutta Mahomedan Literary Society have advised all Mahomedans to contribute to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of sufferers from the Transvaal War. They state that the Mahomedan subjects of the Queen-Empress should manifest their sympathy with the widows and orphans of the soldiers killed in the war which has been forced upon Her Majesty's Government, and the successful termination of which would materially improve the condition of thousands of Indian inhabitants of South-Africa, who have been systematically persecuted by the Boers. The Committee call upon Mahomedans to offer prayers for the success of the British arms.

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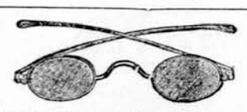

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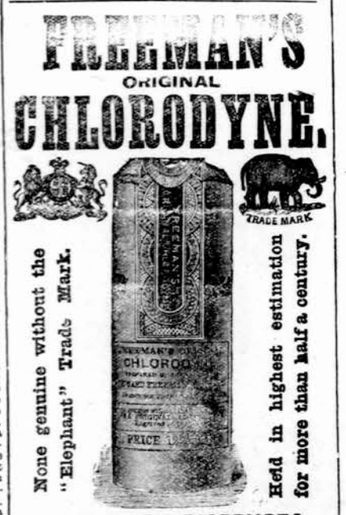

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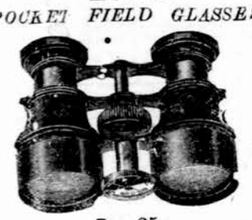

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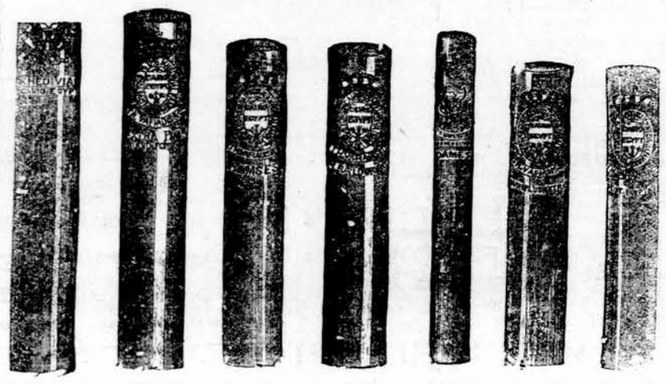

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